risedly constructed premises on the mezzanine floor of Scindia House, New Delhi branch of Punjab and Sind Bank causing dislocation of work and in-convenience to general public in operating their accounts;

(b) if so, the reasons for the un-authorised construction of working space by the Punjab and Sind Bank in the above area; and

(c) what are the reasons for water connection supply being discontinued by the NDMC in their premises for the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction on the mezzanine floor was made without seeking approval of NDMC which is a pre-requisite under the building bye-laws.

(c) The water supply was disconnected on 14-12-1988 due to non-payment.

Crimes against Women

1037. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes against women continue to increase despite various steps taken by the State and Central Governments from time to time;

(b) what are the State-wise and Union Territory-wise figures of such crimes during the years 1988, 1989 and the current year so far; and

(c) what specific steps are contemplated by Government to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED : (a) and (b) Available information on the State-wise/Union Territory-wise, number of cases reported as crime against women during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 are enclosed.

[*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 43]

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including crime against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. They take action to register cases, undertake investigation and file cases in the courts of law.

Registration of Sri Rama Janma Bhoomi Nyaas under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act

1038. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Rama Janmabhoomi Nyaas had applied to Government for registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if so, whether the permission has since been granted; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) In view of the present communal tensions, it has not been considered desirable to allow unrestricted flow of foreign contribution to an Association which is in the fore-front of the controversy pertaining to Ram-Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid.